

Oxford School News

March 18, 2010

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Please join us next week for "Grandma's Hands", a spectacular production put on for the past 8 years by our 5th grade classes. The play is written and directed by *Carla Inniss*, one of our 5th grade teachers. You will be amazed with the talent and poise as students from both 5th grade classes sing, dance, and act brilliantly. In a funny and moving play about African American history and many individuals from all backgrounds who have overcome adversity to achieve greatness. The play will be performed on *Wednesday, March 24 at 8:45 AM* and *Thursday, March 25 at 10:00 AM. You won't want to miss it!*

—Janet Levenson



Into the Woods

The annual **Spring Dance, Raffle and Silent Auction** is **Tonight**

6:00 ~ 8:00 PM

A special performance begins the dance

Dinner available for \$3

Grilled Lavash Wraps from Gregoire
or Cheese Pizza

Includes fruit or salad and bottled water

- Raffle Tickets drawn at the dance
- Auction bidding throughout
- Dancing all evening



Parking available in the lower yard

School Calendar

3/18	TONIGHT! Annual Raffle, Silent Auction, and Spring Dance at Oxford, 6-8 PM
3/29-4/2	Spring Recess (no school)
5/13	Make It and Creativity Fair
5/17	Malcolm X Holiday (no school)
5/27	Open House, evening at Oxford
5/31	Memorial Day Holiday
6/18	Last day of school

NOTE: An UPDATED BUSD calendar for 2009-2010 is available online at the BUSD website: <http://www.berkeley.net/school-calendar/>

PTA News

One more week left for the Auction!

Only one more week to bid on your favorite auction items. Don't worry, you will still have a chance to bid at the dance as you enjoy great food and good company! For the easiest, fastest getaway at the end of the evening, make sure **Bidding For Good** has your credit card number on file. Otherwise, **remember to bring your checkbook**, and we'll send you out the door with your prizes in hand. Please take a look at the website, so you can be ready for action. We have ski lift tickets, architect and real estate services, Cal hooded sweatshirts, games, entertainment and *much much more!*

<http://www.biddingforgood.com/oxford>

Many thanks are due...

to all who helped get the school ready for the **Distinguished Schools** visit.

A special thank you to Heidi Ross for helping spruce up the school and for bringing in lunch for the evaluating team. *Many thanks to Paula and Osvaldo Leon, Monika Mayer, and Heather O'Brien* for bringing breakfast and coffee. And thanks to all who stayed to brag to the visitors about our school.

Many thanks to **Sachu Constantine, Rick Patterson, Carl Kempf, Laurence Triest, Ted and Ely Feldsher, and Chrissy Meuris** for building the sheds on the lower yard and to **Lee Kempf** for bringing lunch for the builders. And many thanks to all who helped carry the Harvest Fair stuff to the sheds on Friday.



Safe Routes to School

Three bicycle-friendly events on March 21st! - Sponsored by Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition.

1. Berkeley Kidical Mass

Meet at 2:30PM at Cedar Rose Park, *Cedar Street and the Ohlone Greenway.*

Bring your helmet, your friends, your wheels, noisemakers, and yourselves! **Kidical Mass** is a family-friendly ride that is fun, safe, and easy. Parents and kids will bicycle about 3 miles along the bike boulevards of Berkeley and will have an opportunity to share good ideas for improving the boulevards for parents bicycling with their kids to school.

2. Grizzly Peak Cyclists Family Ride

Meet at 10:00AM at the *east side of Aquatic Park in Berkeley*

There are **two rides starting from Aquatic Park**: one group will ride down the Bay Trail to a playground in Richmond, while the other group will continue to Pt Richmond and back. There is an optional tunnel in Pt Richmond that will cut out a few miles and hills. **The 14-mile trip out-and-back is appropriate for older kids and adults with trailers/trail-a-bikes (and anyone else who wants a relaxing ride).** Other families have the option to go shorter distances and turn around. After the ride there is an optional lunch



next to the foot/bike bridge and more play time in the Aquatic Park playground. XL leader, **Toshi Takeuchi**, L leader/L tunnel leaders **John Buenfil**, and **Estella**.

3. Spring Bicycle Social Update

4 – 8PM at BFBC Office

1336 Channing St., Berkeley

Come join us for food, drinks, local entertainment, and bicycle short films. ***Everyone is welcome - a family friendly event!*** Find out more about new bike lanes planned for Downtown Berkeley as part of the **Streets and Open Space Improvement Plan (SOSIP)**, and all the great bike improvements the City has planned and how you can help. Also, **let us know what you'd like to see happen in the bicycling community in Berkeley this year - *Ideas for new bike lanes? Events you'd like to see happen? Tell us!***

We'd love it if you wanted to cook a vegetarian or vegan dish for this event - please contact the **BFBC Outreach Organizer Rebecca Stievater**. Any other questions regarding the event can also be directed to her. **Hope to see you there!**

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Sign up for eScrip or update your eScrip account for 2010!

Please take a few minutes to go to **eScrip.com** and register or update your credit/debit/store cards. ***Then, earn money for Oxford every time you shop!***

eScrip ID: Oxford School # 137106327

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OxfordSchoolNewsletter@gmail.com

as attached MS Word documents. Submissions received by Fridays will go out in the Newsletter the following Thursday. Please send an email to the same address if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. *Thank you.*